

REMARKS

In response to the Office communication dated October 6, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-133 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,434,524 (Weber). The following claims have been cancelled without prejudice and may be included in a future application: 2, 12, 14, 15, 19, 25, 26, 29, 36, 45, 47, 49, 58, 60, 62, 74, 76, 83, 90, 92, 102, 104, 105, 109, 115, and 116. Applicants respectfully assert that the remaining claims are patentable over Weber.

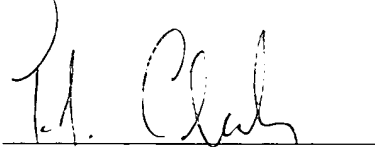
Regarding Claim 1, Weber does not teach, disclose or suggest a processor configured to analyze a grammar, to identify at least one characteristic of the grammar, and to produce a data input object based on the at least one characteristic. Weber discusses speech recognition for an object-based computer interface which includes both speech recognition and natural language processing (Col. 1 lines 5-10). The process in Weber begins at block 300 with the providing of an utterance to the speech processor 200 (Col. 7 lines 4-6). The flow proceeds to decision block 302 where the speech processor 200 determines whether one of the contextual grammars 212 has been enabled (Col. 7 lines 14-16). Weber also discusses that a dictation module may be enabled if the contextual grammars cannot find a word or phrase which match the utterance (Col. 7 lines 49-50). Thus, Weber discusses a system for receiving an utterance and then applying preexisting grammars (i.e. context specific or dictation modules). In contrast, claim 1 recites a first application configured to output a grammar and to receive a user selection associated with the grammar, a voice application to receive the grammar from the first application, and to output a user selection to the first application, the voice application platform including a processor configured to analyze the grammar, to identify at least one characteristic of the grammar, and to produce a data input object based on the at least one characteristic, and a speech recognizer coupled to the processor and configured to interpret the speech input as a function of the data input object, and to produce the user selection. Accordingly, claim 1 teaches an apparatus for creating a grammar based on the content of an application, and then interpreting an utterance based

on that grammar. Weber only discusses interpreting an utterance based on preexisting sets of grammar. For at least these reasons independent claim 1, and claims 3-11, 13, 16 and 17 are patentable over Weber.

Regarding claims 18-133, with exception for the cancelled claims indicated above, they are similar in scope and content to claims 1, 3-11, 13, 16 and 17, and therefore patentable under similar rationale.

Based on the foregoing, this application is believed to be in allowable condition, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to call the Applicants' Attorney at the number provided below with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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